

HOUSE RESOLUTION 46

By Harmon

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Van Buren County Middle School archery team upon taking fourth place at the Third Annual Tennessee National Archery in the School Program State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful middle school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Middle School archery team is one such estimable team that recently placed fourth at the 2009 Third Annual Tennessee National Archery in the School Program (NASP) State Championship held at Hyde-Burks Agricultural Pavilion in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, with the high school team claiming first place, Van Buren County Middle School also made its mark on the competition, trailing the third place team by only nineteen points and claiming the Best Overall Team Score; and

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Middle School archery team has only been in existence since January of 2009, and most of the students on the twenty-member team had never shot a bow before joining; and

WHEREAS, the tournament, sponsored by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and Tennessee Tech University, hosted nearly 550 participants, with no more than twenty-four members allowed on each team; and

WHEREAS, each student shot thirty arrows, fifteen from a ten-meter distance and fifteen from a fifteen-meter distance, with a maximum score of 300 points; and

WHEREAS, the top team and top five individuals in each division automatically received a bid to compete in the 2009 NASP Tournament to be held from May eighth through May ninth in Louisville, Kentucky; at this national tournament there will be school teams representing each of the fifty states, as well as international teams; and

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Middle School archery team will compete in this national tournament in May, as will Hannah Maynard, who placed third in the middle school female division and received individual recognition; and

WHEREAS, in addition to excelling in archery, the members of this team are required to maintain passing grades in all seven classes at Van Buren County Middle School in order to remain on the team, providing a large incentive for academic progress; and

WHEREAS, Van Buren County School Director Mike Martin said of the teams, "A student championship in any sport brings a sense of pride and honor to our community. We are certainly a proud school and community of these teams"; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kurt Maynard, one of three Van Buren archery coaches, said that the students' discipline was noted by everyone at the tournament, and the team received praise from the staff, other parents, and team members throughout the tournament; and

WHEREAS, the other two esteemed coaches who helped lead Van Buren to victory are Patrick Nichols and Eddie Carter; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure the necessary funds for their trip to the national tournament in Kentucky, the students on the archery team are raising money from family, friends, and members of their community whom they will represent on a national level; and

WHEREAS, the honorable members of the Van Buren County Middle School archery team are: Andrew Graham, Dawson Lefebvre, Hannah Maynard, Hayton Slatton, Hunter Mason, Jacob Davis, Kayla Hillis, Kristen McCoy, Lyndsey Potter, Mackenzie Collins, Sierra Worrix, Tanner Hillis, Trudy Smith, Wesley Graham, Willie Davis, Wyatt Hale, Adam McCoy, Marissa Simmons, and Frankie Montarello; and

WHEREAS, together, these students earned Van Buren County Middle School fourth place at the state tournament and brought great pride to their community and this great State, and they should be specially recognized for their accomplishment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Van Buren County Middle School archery team upon winning fourth place at the Third Annual Tennessee National Archery in the School Program State Championship and wish them continued success at the national tournament and in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.